

Communication and Language

This term, we will enjoy listening to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and be encouraged to share our thoughts and ideas about them. We'll take part in small group activities and games to develop our listening and attention skills. Each day, we will sing and learn a range of songs and rhymes. We will also be introduced to *Concept Cat* — a very clever cat who uses stories to help us learn important concepts, such as “around” and “over.”

Literacy

This term, we will be introduced to our **‘Top 5’ stories** and **‘Top 5’ nursery rhymes**. We will share stories every day, learning how to handle books carefully, hold them correctly, and explore their different parts — such as the front cover and the author. Through singing songs and rhymes, we'll become familiar with nursery rhymes, start to identify rhyming words, and even suggest our own! We will develop our mark-making skills with lots of opportunities to write and draw for a purpose, as well as practise copying and tracing “down and up” lines and “round and round” marks. We will also be taking part in **World Nursery Rhyme Week**.

Phonics

In phonics, we will enjoy a range of activities to help us develop our listening and attention skills

Expressive Arts & Designs

This term, we will use mirrors to look closely at ourselves and our facial features, then create our own self-portraits using a variety of resources. We will explore different materials and media to make paintings, drawings, models, and collages. We'll experiment with colour, discovering what happens when colours mix. During nursery rhyme time, we'll also have fun changing our voices — playing with pitch, tone, and tempo to make our singing even more exciting!



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, we will be supported to separate from our main carers and settle into our class rhythms and routines. Together, we will develop our class rules and learn how to play cooperatively, take turns, and build positive relationships with both our friends and adults. We'll talk about our families, friends, and the special people in our lives, and think about how they make us feel. We will share the story *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas to help us explore different emotions, and we will also begin our **MyHappyMind** sessions.

Mathematics

This term we will develop our early number skills through number rhymes, exploring numerals 1–3, cardinality, subitising to 3 and representing numbers on our fingers. We will sort and match colours, patterns and shapes, talk about shape and explore blocks, puzzles and shape-sorters to create increasingly complex constructions. We will also explore patterns using natural materials, create and extend ABAB patterns, and begin to notice and correct errors in repeating patterns. and correct errors in repeating patterns.

Understanding the World

This term, we will explore what we look like, talk about our similarities, and celebrate what makes each of us unique. Using photos, we'll share stories about our families and begin to talk about special occasions. We will also explore a variety of festivals and celebrations, including harvest, Diwali, Bonfire Night, and Christmas. Using all our senses, we'll investigate the autumn season — noticing the changes around us, asking why leaves fall from the trees, and exploring the colours and textures of nature.

Our Roots



Physical Development

This term, we will focus on developing both our **fine and gross motor skills**. For **fine motor skills**, we will work on becoming more independent — putting on our own coats and shoes, pouring our own drinks, and exploring what our hands can do. We'll enjoy weekly fine motor challenges and **Dough Disco**, and have opportunities to trace and copy vertical and horizontal lines, as well as circles.

For **gross motor skills**, we will be encouraged to move in lots of different ways — hopping, jumping, crawling, and rolling — and we'll enjoy daily **Squiggle While You Wiggle** sessions to build coordination, strength, and confidence.

Little Wrens Overview
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